Southeast Gay Conference
P.O. Box 5319
Atlanta, Georgia 30307
December 27, 1977

Dear Friends:

The Southeast Gay Conference, to be held in Atlanta over the weekend of March 31, April 1,2, 1978, is in the planning stages. It is being designed to reflect the current status of the Gay community in the Southeast and the direction in which this community is heading. Our hope is that the conference will aid in building more cooperation in the Gay community, through increased communication, by increasing Gay people's consciousness and self-confidence, and by reaching Gay people at all points of the spectrum and affirming their inclusion in the Gay community. We are working to ensure that the interests of lesbians and gay men will be met, as well as those of Third World, handicapped, and other minority gays.

We feel a need in the Southeast for a real sense of community to aid us in our struggles as Gay people here. Although our experience as gays in the South is similar to those of gays in other parts of the country, it is also different in some respects. Some of our strengths, as well as our weaknesses, come out of the unique characteristics of this region. For this reason, we are looking for lesbian and gay male speakers whose experience lies in Southeastern lifestyle, culture, and politics, but are also aware of the national issues of concern.

We would like to know if you have some suggestions to make of lesbians or gay men who would be good speakers. The areas of emphasis that we have outlined are lesbian mothers, parents of gays (probably not a gay), prisoners or other institutionalized gays, Third World gays. This is by no means an exhaustive list. We are also planning a panel on Where the Gay Community is and Where it's Heading. The panel would be composed of several individuals representing differing strategies for our community, e.g. religious, electoral politics, lesbian separatist, Marxist, lesbian feminist.

We are offering speakers travel expenses plus an honorarium of fifty dollars.

We welcome any suggestions for speakers or any feedback on what we've outlined in this letter. Please get back to us no later than January 21st, as the conference is only three months away.

In unity,

Heidi J. Silver, co-chair of the Southeast Gay Conference

and

Bob Burk, Speakers Committee representative

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W O R K S H O P S

TITLE OF WORKSHOP _____

TOPICS TO BE DISCUSSED _____

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE A FACILITATOR OR A COORDINATOR _____

WILL ATTENDANCE BE RESTRICTED TO ANY PARTICULAR GROUP ? _____

IF SO, WHICH GROUP _____

WOULD THERE BE ANY LIMITATION AS TO SIZE? _____

IF SO, HOW MANY _____

GIVE A GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF THE FORMAT AND WHAT YOUR GOALS ARE:

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P E R S O N A L I N F O R M A T I O N

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE & ZIP _____

PHONE _____

PLEASE LIST ANY SKILLS YOU HAVE WHICH YOU FEEL ARE RELEVANT _____

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WHEN WOULD BE THE BEST TIME FOR YOU TO BE CONTACTED? _____

PLEASE FEEL FREE TO ADD ANY SUGGESTIONS YOU MIGHT HAVE ON THE BACK OF THIS PAGE. THANX.

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